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6	Attorneys for Defendants					
7	the Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California;					
8	the Honorable Ethan P. Schulman,					
9	Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco;					
10	Judicial Council of California; and					
11	Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco					
12	UNITED STATES	DISTRICT COURT				
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14	EASTERN DISTI	RICT OF CALIFORNIA				
15	JAMES J. ISON AND THE ISON LAW	CASE: 2:21-CV-01546-MCE-KJN				
16	FIRM, PC,	REQUEST FOR HIDICIAL NOTICE:				
17	Plaintiffs,	REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE; DECLARATION OF SARAH L. OVERTON AND EXHIBITS				
18	V.	Date : January 27, 2022				
19		Time : 2:00 p.m.				
20	SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN	Courtroom: 7, 14 <sup>th</sup> Floor Judge: Hon. Morrison C.				
21	FRANCISCO, et al.;	England, Jr.				
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23	Defendants.					
24	TO THE HONORABLE COURT A	AND TO PLAINTIFFS J.C. BIRO, M.D.				
25	PH.D., PRO SE:					
26	Defendants the Honorable Tani Can	til-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California; the				
27	Honorable Ethan P. Schulman, Judge of the	ne Superior Court of California, County of				
28	San Francisco; Judicial Council of Calif	fornia; and Superior Court of California				
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1	County of San Francisco, hereby request that the court take judicial notice pursuant to			
2	Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule 201, of the following facts and documents, attached			
3	as exhibits hereto, in support of defendants' motion to dismiss plaintiff's first			
4	amended complaint.			
5	1. Register of actions, <i>Talens v. Japanese Feast, Inc.</i> , San Mateo Superior			
6	Court case no. 19-CIV-05403;			
7	2. Register of actions, <i>Ison v. Mercury Insurance</i> , San Francisco Superior			
8	Court case no. 20-CGC-589080;			
9	3. Order and judgment of contempt, Ison v. Mercury Insurance, San			
10	Francisco Superior Court case no. 20-CGC-589080.			
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12	Dated: December 13, 2021 CUMMINGS, McCLOREY, DAVIS & ACHO, P.L.C.			
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14	By: /S/ Sarah L. Overton			
15	Sarah L. Overton, Esq. Attorneys for Defendants,			
16	the Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye,			
17	Chief Justice of California; the Honorable Ethan P. Schulman,			
18	Judge of the Superior Court of California,			
19	County of San Francisco; Judicial Council of California; and			
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## **DECLARATION OF SARAH L. OVERTON**

- I, Sarah L. Overton, declare as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law before the United States District Court, Central District of California, and I am a partner with the law firm of Cummings, McClorey, Davis, Acho & Associates, attorneys for the moving parties in this matter. If called upon as a witness, I would competently testify to the matters stated herein, except for those matters stated upon my information and belief and, to those matters, I believe them to be true.
- 2. Attached hereto as exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the register of actions, *Talens v. Japanese Feast, Inc.*, San Mateo Superior Court case no. 19-CIV-05403. The register of actions is accessible online by case number from the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo webpage at <a href="https://odyportal-ext.sanmateocourt.org/Portal-External/Home/Dashboard/29">https://odyportal-ext.sanmateocourt.org/Portal-External/Home/Dashboard/29</a>.
- 3. Attached hereto as exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of the register of actions, *Ison v. Mercury Insurance*, San Francisco Superior Court case no. 20-CGC-589080. The register of actions is accessible online by case number from the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco webpage at <a href="https://webapps.sftc.org/ci/CaseInfo.dll?&SessionID=3DE97DF1B14E12A99E36">https://webapps.sftc.org/ci/CaseInfo.dll?&SessionID=3DE97DF1B14E12A99E36</a> 050F8A97737847222D9C.
- 4. Attached hereto as exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of the order and judgment of contempt, *Ison v. Mercury Insurance*, San Francisco Superior Court case no. 20-CGC-589080. The document is accessible via the online register of actions from the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco webpage at <a href="https://webapps.sftc.org/ci/CaseInfo.dll?CaseNum=CGC20589080&SessionID=3">https://webapps.sftc.org/ci/CaseInfo.dll?CaseNum=CGC20589080&SessionID=3</a>
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1	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States o
2	America that the foregoing is true and correct.
3	Executed December 13, 2021, at Riverside, California.
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5	/s/ Sarah L. Overton Sarah L. Overton, Declarant
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#### PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am employed in the County of Riverside, State of California. I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. I am an employee of or agent for Cummings, McClorey, Davis, Acho & Associates, P.C., 3801 University Avenue, Suite 560, Riverside, California 92501.

I hereby certify that on December 13, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE; DECLARATION OF SARAH L. OVERTON AND EXHIBITS, with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system. I certify that participants in the case that are registered CM/ECF users will receive service that will be accomplished by the appellate CM/ECF system.

Executed on December 13, 2021, in Riverside, California. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

> /s/ Charmaine Apacible Charmaine Apacible

# EXHIBIT 1

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#### **Case Information**

19-CIV-05403 | BRENDA TALENS, et al vs. THE JAPANESE FEAST, INC, et al

Case Number Court

19-CIV-05403 Civil Unlimited

File Date Case Type

09/13/2019 (22) Unlimited Auto

Judicial Officer Foiles, Robert D Case Status Active

# **Party**

Plaintiff

TALENS, BRENDA

Active Attorneys ▼ Lead Attorney ISON, JAMES J. Retained

Plaintiff

BARREDO, PRISCILLA L

Active Attorneys ▼
Lead Attorney
ISON, JAMES J.
Retained

Plaintiff

BARREDO, ASHLEY DINA-MARIE

Active Attorneys ▼ Lead Attorney ISON, JAMES J. Retained

Defendant

THE JAPANESE FEAST, INC

Active Attorneys ▼
Attorney

Case 2:21-cv-01546-JAM-KJN	Document 22-2		12/13/21 Page 8 of 75 BALICH, DANIEL G. Retained
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Defendant HERNANDEZ, SAMUEL E		, I	Active Attorneys <del>▼</del> Attorney BALICH, DANIEL G. Retained
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## **Cause of Action**

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File Date	Cause of Action	Туре	Filed By	Filed Against
09/13/2019	Complaint	Action	TALENS, BRENDA BARREDO, PRISCILLA L BARREDO, ASHLEY DINA-MARIE	THE JAPANESE FEAST, INC KAWASHIMA, KENICHI HERNANDEZ, SAMUEL E DOES 1-50, INCLUSIVE

# **Events and Hearings**

09/13/2019 New Filed Case			
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09/13/2019 Notice of Case Management Conference ▼			
Notice of Case Management Conference			
09/13/2019 Cause Of Action ▼			
Action Complaint	File Date 09/13/2019		
09/25/2019 Case Management Statement ▼			

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02/18/2020 Proposed Order Received ▼

Proposed Order Received STIP AND ORDER TO ADR; FWDED TO DEPT 11

Comment

STIP AND ORDER TO ADR; FWDED TO DEPT 11

02/19/2020 Stipulation and Order to ADR ▼

Stipulation and Order to ADR

Judicial Officer

Grandsaert, John L.

05/04/2020 ADR Mediation Scheduled

05/20/2020 Petition to Approve (No Fee) ▼

Petition to Approve (No Fee) Person with a Disability

Comment

Person with a Disability

05/20/2020 Proposed Order Received ▼

Proposed Order Received APPROVING COMPROMISE OF PENDING ACTION SENT TO DEPT 28

Comment

APPROVING COMPROMISE OF PENDING ACTION SENT TO DEPT 28

05/20/2020 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support OF PETITIONER'S EXPEDITED PETITION TO APPROVE COMPROMISE OF PENDING ACTION FO

Comment

OF PETITIONER'S EXPEDITED PETITION TO APPROVE COMPROMISE OF PENDING ACTION FOR ADULT PERSON WITH DISABILITY.

05/27/2020 Order Approving Compromise Claim/Action ▼

Order Approving Compromise Claim/Action Signed By: HON. JUDGE MIRAMDate Signed: 05/26/20

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Signed By: HON. JUDGE MIRAM Date Signed: 05/26/20

06/09/2020 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support DECLARATION OF BRYANA MCGUIRK, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

Comment

DECLARATION OF BRYANA MCGUIRK, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

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06/09/2020 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support ▼

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

06/09/2020 Proposed Order Received ▼

Proposed Order Received [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

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[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

06/09/2020 Notice of Motion and Motion to Continue ▼

Notice of Motion and Motion to Continue DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

Comment

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

06/10/2020 Notice of Posting Jury Fees ▼

Notice of Posting Jury Fees

06/15/2020 Proof of Service by SUBSTITUTED SERVICE of ▼

Proof of Service by SUBSTITUTED SERVICE of SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT; CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET BY SERVING

Comment

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT; CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET BY SERVING REYANA "DOE" OCCUPANT

07/01/2020 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

07/01/2020 Declaration in Opposition ▼

Declaration in Opposition DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON, ESQ IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO CO

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07/14/2020 Answer (Unlimited) ▼

Answer (Unlimited) Answer TO COMPLAINT

Comment

Answer TO COMPLAINT

07/15/2020 Motion to Continue Trial Date ▼

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Motion to Continue Trial Date

~CIV Minute Order - Motion to Continue Trial Date 07/15/2020

Judicial Officer

Karesh, Jonathan E.

**Hearing Time** 

9:00 AM

Result

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DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

07/15/2020 Tentative ruling adopted and becomes order: ▼

#### Comment

Defendants' Motion to Continue Trial is GRANTED. The Court finds that the Plaintiff has set forth good cause to continue the trial date. However, the court does not find good cause to continue the trial to March 8, 2021. Instead, the trial is continued to January 19, 2021 at 9 a.m. in the Master Calendar Department. The Mandatory Settlement Conference is set for January 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in Department 11. If the tentative ruling is uncontested, it shall become the order of the Court, pursuant to Rule 3.1308(a)(1), adopted by Local Rule 3.10, effective immediately, and no formal order pursuant to Rule 3.1312 or any other notice is required as the tentative ruling affords sufficient notice to the parties.

07/15/2020 Party appeared by audio and/or video ▼

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07/16/2020 Notice of Change of Address of Attorney ▼

Notice of Change of Address of Attorney

08/14/2020 Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel ▼

Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel MOTION TO COMPEL INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION, OR IN THE AL

Comment

Case 2:21-cv-01546-JAM-KJN Document 22-2 Filed 12/13/21 Page 14 of 75 MOTION TO COMPEL INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO CONTINUE THE TRIAL

08/14/2020 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support OF BRYANA S. MCGUIRK, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS MOTION TO COMPEL INDEPEND

Comment

OF BRYANA S. MCGUIRK, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS MOTION TO COMPEL INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO CONTINUE THE TRIAL

08/14/2020 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXA

Comment

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO CONTINUE THE TRIAL

08/14/2020 Proposed Order Received ▼

Proposed Order Received GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL PLAINTIFF TO ATTEND INDEPENDAT MEDICAL

Comment

GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL PLAINTIFF TO ATTEND INDEPENDAT MEDICAL EXAMINAITON

08/27/2020 Discovery Conference ▼

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Discovery Conference

~CIV Minute Order - Discovery Conference 08/27/2020

Judicial Officer

Fineman, Nancy L.

Hearing Time

9:00 AM

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08/27/2020 Party appeared by audio and/or video ▼

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09/09/2020 Evidence ▼

Evidence IS SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES

Comment

IS SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES

09/09/2020 Motion for Summary Adjudication ▼

Motion for Summary Adjudication DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF

Comment

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES

09/09/2020 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support ▼

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OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES

09/09/2020 Separate Statement of Undisputed Material Facts ▼

Separate Statement of Undisputed Material Facts AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MO

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AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER OF PUNITIVE DAMAGES

09/09/2020 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support OF BRYANA S. MCGUIRK OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF ISSUES

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OF BRYANA S. MCGUIRK OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF ISSUES

09/09/2020 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support OF KENICHI KAWASHIMA OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER

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OF KENICHI KAWASHIMA OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES

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09/09/2020 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support OF SAMUEL E. HERNANDEZ OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAY

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09/09/2020 Notice -

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10/07/2020 Motion to Compel Independent Medical Examination ▼

Original Type

Motion to Compel Independent Medical Examination

~CIV Minute Order - Motion to Compel Independent Medical Examination 10/07/2020

Judicial Officer

Fineman, Nancy L.

Hearing Time

1:30 PM

Result

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,OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO CONTINUE THE TRIAL

10/07/2020 Tentative ruling adopted and becomes order: ▼

Comment

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO CONTINUE THE TRIAL As the moving parties' request, Defendants' Motion to Compel Independent Medical Examination, or in the Alternative, to Continue the Trial, filed 8-14-20, is OFF CALENDAR.

10/07/2020 Party appeared by audio and/or video ▼

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11/20/2020 Compendium of Index of Exhibits ▼

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IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION

11/20/2020 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition OF PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' IN OPPOSITION TO DEFE

Comment

OF PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES

11/20/2020 Separate Statement of Undisputed Material Facts ▼

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IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION

11/20/2020 Declaration ▼

**Declaration OF BRENDA TALENS** 

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11/20/2020 Declaration ▼

Declaration OF PRESCILLA BARREDO

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11/20/2020 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support OF JAMES J. ISON OF PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION

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OF JAMES J. ISON OF PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION

11/20/2020 Request for Judicial Notice ▼

Request for Judicial Notice PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE

Comment

PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE

11/20/2020 Objections to Evidence ▼

Objections to Evidence PLAINTIFF'S OBJECITONS TO DEFENDANTS' EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO DE

Comment

PLAINTIFF'S OBJECTONS TO DEFENDANTS' EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES

11/23/2020 Proposed Order Received ▼

Proposed Order Received STIPULATION TO CONTINUE TRIALFWD TO DEPT. 1

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STIPULATION TO CONTINUE TRIAL FWD TO DEPT. 1

11/24/2020 Stipulation & Order ▼

Stipulation & Order Type: TO CONTINUE TRIALSigned by: JUDGE DAVISDate Signed: 11/23/20COPY FWD TO

Comment

Type: TO CONTINUE TRIAL Signed by: JUDGE DAVIS Date Signed: 11/23/20 COPY FWD TO MASTER CALENDAR

11/24/2020 Notice of Hearing re ▼

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11/24/2020 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support OF HER REQUEST FOR AMENDED ORDER APPROVING HER PETIT

Comment

OF HER REQUEST FOR AMENDED ORDER APPROVING HER PETITION TO APPROVE COMPROMISE OF ADULT PERSONS WITH DISBILITY

11/24/2020 Declaration ▼

Declaration OF PETITIONER PRISCILLA BARREDO

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OF PETITIONER PRISCILLA BARREDO

11/24/2020 Declaration ▼

Declaration OF JAMES J. ISON

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OF JAMES J. ISON

11/24/2020 Proposed Order Received ▼

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[PROPOSED] AMENDED ORDER APPROVING COMPROMISE OF PENDING ACTION INVOLVING ADULT PERSON WITH DISABILITY FWD TO DEPT. 28

11/25/2020 Notice of Errata ▼

Notice of Errata

11/25/2020 Proposed Order Received ▼

Proposed Order Received ON PLAINTIFF'S OBJECTIONS TO DEFENDANTS EVIDENCE FILED IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOT

Comment

ON PLAINTIFF'S OBJECTIONS TO DEFENDANTS EVIDENCE FILED IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES

11/30/2020 Amended Order ▼

Amended Order APPROVING COMPROMISE OF PENDING ACTION INVOLVING ADULT PERSON WITH DISABILITYSigned b

Comment

APPROVING COMPROMISE OF PENDING ACTION INVOLVING ADULT PERSON WITH DISABILITY Signed by Judge Miram On 11/25/2020

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11/30/2020 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Reply ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Reply IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYE

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IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYERFOR PUNATIVE DAMAGES

11/30/2020 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Reply ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Reply TO PLAINTIFF'S SEPARATE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL MATERI

Comment

TO PLAINTIFF'S SEPARATE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FACTS

11/30/2020 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support REBUTTAL DECLARATION OF MICHAEL G. THOMAS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY AD

Comment

REBUTTAL DECLARATION OF MICHAEL G. THOMAS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER FOR PUNATIVE DAMAGES

11/30/2020 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition TO PLAINTIFF'S EVIDENCE SUBMITTED IN OPPOSITION T

Comment

TO PLAINTIFF'S EVIDENCE SUBMITTED IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATIONOF PRAYER FOR PUNATIVE DAMAGES

11/30/2020 Proof of Service - ELECTRONIC of ▼

Proof of Service - ELECTRONIC of DEFENDATNS' REPLY MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT O

Comment

DEFENDATION REPLY MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER FOR PUNATIVE DAMAGES

12/04/2020 Motion for Summary Adjudication of Issues ▼

Original Type

Motion for Summary Adjudication of Issues

~CIV Minute Order - Motion for Summary Adjudication of Issues 12/04/2020

Judicial Officer

Fineman, Nancy L.

**Hearing Time** 

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Result Held

Parties Present •

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

12/04/2020 Tentative ruling adopted and becomes order: ▼

#### Comment

MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF ISSUES Plaintiffs' Request for Judicial Notice is DENIED. Defendants' objections to Plaintiff's evidence are ruled upon as follows: Objection 1: SUSTAIN as to the bolded language "But that does not mean that he did not have one in his hand" on the basis of speculation. It is unclear if Defendants are objecting to the remainder of the sentence. If they are, the objection is OVERRULED. Objection 2: SUSTAIN as to the bolded language "I presumed based on what I saw that he had crashed into us because he talking (sic) on his cell phone and not paying attention to the road on the basis of speculation. OVERULED as to the rest of the objection. Objection 3: SUSTAIN as to Plaintiffs' Exhibit N on the basis of hearsay, lack of foundation, lack of personal knowledge. Objection 4: SUSTAIN as to Plaintiff's Exhibit M on the basis of hearsay, lack of foundation, lack of personal knowledge. Plaintiffs' objections to evidence are OVERRULED. Defendants' Motion for Summary Adjudication of Prayer for Punitive Damages is DENIED as to Hernandez and GRANTED as to Defendants The Japanese Feast, Inc. and Kenichi Kawashima. Punitive damages may be awarded in an action not arising from breach of contract "where it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has been guilty of oppression, fraud, or malice." Civ. Code 3294(a). There are questions of material fact which would allow a reasonable jury to find that Defendant Hernandez acted with oppression, fraud, or malice. There are material facts in dispute on when the accident occurred and whether Defendant Hernandez was on his cell phone at the time of the accident. The CHP officer who prepared the report which states that the accident occurred at 10:30 a.m. has no personal knowledge of when the accident occurred. Defendant Hernandez, by Defendants' own evidence, was on the telephone at 10:31 a.m. Defendants' Exhibit C (cell phone records). Plaintiff looked back immediately after the accident and saw Hernandez's mouth moving. UMF 33 (the Court disregards her speculation that he was on the phone-that is an inference that a jury could draw from the evidence, but not established by Plaintiff's testimony). Passenger Barredo estimates that she called 911 within 10 seconds of the accident. UMF 35. The CHP officer arrived on the scene at "approximately 1035 hours", i.e. 10:35 a.m., UMF 43. While the jury may believe Hernandez that he was not on his cell phone at the time he hit Plaintiff's car, for purposes of summary judgment, the Court cannot find that it is undisputed that he was not on his cell phone. The time period is simply too short to say that as a matter of law, Hernandez was not on his cell phone. The use of a cell phone while driving is against the law. Veh. Code 23123. A blatant violation of law can justify punitive damages. Flyer's Body Shop Profit Sharing Plan v. Ticor Title Ins. Co. (1986) 185 Cal.App.3d 1149, 1154. Thus, there is a basis for a reasonable jury to find by clear and convincing evidence that Hernandez acted in conscious disregard of the law by driving while talking on a cell phone. See CACI 3940. It is a question of fact of whether the use of a cell phone while driving is such a blatant violation of law to justify punitive damages. Defendants rely on Lackner v. North (2006) 135 Cal.App.4th 1188, 1213, a skiing accident case, for the proposition that Hernandez's conduct in speeding, like the defendant in Lackner, could not be a basis for despicable conduct. However, in Lackner, there was no alleged

# Case 2:21-cv-01546-JAM-KJN Document 22-2 Filed 12/13/21 Page 22 of 75 violation of law as alleged in this case. The Court, however, finds that even if Hernandez lied to the

CHP about his cell phone use, that fact does not demonstrate that Hernandez lied in order to hurt Plaintiff. CACI 3940. By the time, he made the alleged lie, Plaintiff had already been injured. Further, the Court finds that there is no competent evidence to show that Defendant Kawashima instructed Hernandez to lie. Both Kawashima and Hernandez deny that allegation. Hernandez Decl. paragraphs 4, 6; Kawashima Decl. paragraph 4. That evidence then shifted the burden to Plaintiff to show a disputed fact, but Plaintiff has introduced no evidence to the contrary. UMF 21. Plaintiff contends that Defendants were conducting company business while on the highway, Plaintiff's Opposition at 2:16, but she offers no evidence either in her brief, the opposition to Defendants' Separate Statement or her own Separate Statement to support this allegation. Therefore, there are no facts in dispute to demonstrate that Defendants Japanese Feast or Kawashima could be liable for punitive damages. See CACI 3943.

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12/15/2020 Notice of Assignment for All Purposes ▼

Notice of Assignment for All Purposes

12/16/2020 Notice of Assignment for All Purposes ▼

Notice of Assignment for All Purposes

12/18/2020 Notice of Hearing re ▼

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Trial Setting Conference - 3/9/2021 in Dept. 4 SSF

12/22/2020 Trial Setting Conference ▼

Judicial Officer

Grandsaert, John L.

Hearing Time

9:00 AM

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Comment

PER ORDER FILED ON 11/24/20

12/28/2020 Peremptory Challenge Pursuant to CCP 170.6 Against ▼

Peremptory Challenge Pursuant to CCP 170.6 Against Judicial Officer

Judicial Officer Comment
Fineman, Nancy L. Judicial Officer

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  01/07/2021 Mandatory Settlement Conference ▼
  Judicial Officer
  Mandatory Settlement Conferences, -
  Hearing Time
  9:30 AM
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  Judicial Officer
  Davis, III, Leland
  Hearing Time
  9:00 AM
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  01/19/2021 Notice of Motion and Motion for Reconsideration ▼
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  Judicial Officer
  Halperin, Ernst A.
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2:00 PM

Result Held

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Informal Discovery Conference - 1 HOUR (Includes both plaintiff and defendant's requests)

Parties Present -

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

01/26/2021 Party appeared by audio and/or video ▼

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02/02/2021 Amended Notice of Motion and Motion to ▼

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PLAINTIFF'S MOTION AND NOTICE OF MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION; ETC... served on SEE SERVICE LIST

02/17/2021 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support OF BRYANA S. MCGUIRK, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS??? MOTION FOR ?? 128.5 SA

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OF BRYANA S. MCGUIRK, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS??? MOTION FOR ?? 128.5 SANCTIONS FOR BAD FAITH PARTICIPATION IN SCHEDULED MEDIATION

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04/26/2021 Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel ▼

Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALEN'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES, P

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALEN'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES, PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, AND CODE-COMPLAINT PRIVILEGE LOG FROM DEFENDANT KENICHI KAWASHIMA; MOTION FOR MONETARY SANCTIONS

04/26/2021 Statement ▼

Statement PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALEN'S STATEMENT OF REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND RESPONSES I

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALEN'S STATEMENT OF REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND RESPONSES IN DISPUTE IN SUPPORT OF HER MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES, PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, AND CODE-COMPLAINT PRIVILEGE LOG FROM DEFENDANT KENICHI KAWASHIMA

04/26/2021 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTH

Comment

DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES, PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, AND CODE-COMPLAINT PRIVILEGE LOG

04/26/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALEN'S MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AU

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALEN'S MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES, PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, AND CODE-COMPLAINT PRIVILEGE LOG; MOTION FOR MONETARY SANCTIONS

04/28/2021 Notice ▼

Notice OF CHANGE OF HANDLING ATTORNEY

Comment

OF CHANGE OF HANDLING ATTORNEY

05/18/2021 Declaration in Opposition ▼

Declaration in Opposition DECLARATION OF TODD P. DRAKEFORD, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITIO

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Case 2:21-cv-01546-JAM-KJN Document 22-2 Filed 12/13/21 Page 29 of 75 DECLARATION OF TODD P. DRAKEFORD, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS'

OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND CODE-COMPLIANT PRIVILEGE LOG

05/18/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO C

Comment

DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND CODE-COMPLIANT PRIVILEGE LOG

05/21/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Reply ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Reply PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOT

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES AND PRIVILEGE LOG.

05/21/2021 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO

Comment

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES, PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND CODE-COMPLAINT PRIVILEGE LOG

05/24/2021 Discovery Conference ▼

Original Type

Discovery Conference

~CIV Minute Order - Discovery Conference 05/24/2021

Judicial Officer

Halperin, Ernst A.

Hearing Time

2:00 PM

Result

Held

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\*Informal Discovery Conference

05/24/2021 Party appeared by audio and/or video ▼

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**ALL PARTIES** 

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05/26/2021 Notice of Withdrawal ▼

Notice of Withdrawal OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR 128.5 SANCTIONS FOR BAD FAITH PARTICIPATION IN SCHEDU

Comment

OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR 128.5 SANCTIONS FOR BAD FAITH PARTICIPATION IN SCHEDULED MEDIATION

05/28/2021 Motion to Compel ▼

Original Type

Motion to Compel

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Judicial Officer

Foiles, Robert D

Hearing Time

9:00 AM

Result

Held

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PLAINTIFF BREDA TALEN'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES, PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, AND CODE-COMPLIANCE PRIVILEGE LOG FROM DEFENDANT KENICHI KAWASHIMA; MOTION FOR MONETARY SANCTIONS

Parties Present -

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

05/28/2021 Party appeared by audio and/or video ▼

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06/01/2021 Notice of Case Management and Trial Setting Conference ▼

Notice of Case Management and Trial Setting Conference on 07/26/21 at 9:00 am.

Comment

on 07/26/21 at 9:00 am.

07/06/2021 Declaration ▼

Declaration DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON

Comment

DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON

07/06/2021 Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel Further Responses ▼

Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel Further Responses PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MOTION TO COMPEL FU

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES, PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, AND CODE-COMPLIANCE PRIVILEGE LOG FROM DEFENDANT KENICHI KAWASHIMA; MOTION FOR MONETARY SANCTION

07/06/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AU

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR MONETARY SANCTIONS AGAINST KERN SEGAL & MURRAY, PHILLIP A. SEGAL, AND BRYANA S. MCGUIRK PER CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURES 128.5

07/12/2021 Case Management Statement ▼

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Case Management Statement

07/13/2021 Amended Notice of Motion and Motion to ▼

Amended Notice of Motion and Motion to PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MOTION AND FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF M

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MOTION AND FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF MOTION FOR MONETARY SANCTIONS AGAINST KERN SEGAL & MURRAY, PHILLIP A. SEGAL AND BRYANA S. MCGUIRK PURSUANT TO CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 128.5

07/20/2021 Informal Discovery Conference ▼

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Informal Discovery Conference

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Judicial Officer Halperin, Ernst A.

Hearing Time

2:00 PM

Result

Held

Parties Present -

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

07/22/2021 Case Management Statement ▼

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07/22/2021 Declaration in Opposition ▼

Declaration in Opposition DECLARATION OF TODD P. DRAKEFORD, ESQ, IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITIO

Comment

DECLARATION OF TODD P. DRAKEFORD, ESQ, IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS'
OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST KERN SEGAL & MURRAY,
PHILIP A. SEGAL AND BRYANA S. MCGUIRK PER CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 128.5
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07/22/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition ▼

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS'

Case 2:21-cv-01546-JAM-KJN Document 22-2 Filed 12/13/21 Page 33 of 75 OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST KERN SEGAL & MURRAY,

PHILIP A. SEGAL AND BRYANA S. MCGUIRK PER CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 128.5 SANCTIONS

07/26/2021 Case Management and Trial Setting Conference ▼

Original Type

Case Management and Trial Setting Conference

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Judicial Officer

Foiles, Robert D

Hearing Time

9:00 AM

Result

Held

Parties Present -

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

07/26/2021 Party appeared by audio and/or video

07/26/2021 Request for Judicial Notice ▼

Request for Judicial Notice FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S

Comment

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SANCTIONS PURSUANT TO CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURES 128.5

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07/29/2021 Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel ▼

Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO COMPEL

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO COMPEL DEFENDANT SAMUEL HERNANDEZ TO TESTIFY IN ENGLISH AND MONETARY SANCTIONS [CCP 2023.010; 2023.030]

07/29/2021 Request for Judicial Notice ▼

Request for Judicial Notice PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN SUPPORT OF MOTIO

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL DEFENDANT SAMUEL HERNANDEZ TO TESTIFY IN ENGLISH [EVID. CODE 452(D)]

07/29/2021 Declaration ▼

Declaration OF JAMES J. ISON

Comment

OF JAMES J. ISON

07/29/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AU

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL SAMUEL HERNANDEZ TO TESTIFY IN ENGLISH AND MONETARY SANCTIONS

07/30/2021 Notice of Mandatory Settlement Conference and Jury Trial ▼

Notice of Mandatory Settlement Conference and Jury Trial & Pretrial Conference

Comment

& Pretrial Conference

07/30/2021 Notice of Mandatory Settlement Conference ▼

Notice of Mandatory Settlement Conference on 01/21//22 at 9:00 am in SSF.

Comment

on 01/21//22 at 9:00 am in SSF.

07/30/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Reply ▼

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PLAINTIFF'S REPLY BRIEF

07/30/2021 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON IN SUPPORT OF REPLY BRIEF

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DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON IN SUPPORT OF REPLY BRIEF

08/02/2021 Request for Judicial Notice ▼

Request for Judicial Notice IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SANCTIONS

Comment

IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SANCTIONS

08/02/2021 Notice of Errata ▼

Notice of Errata

08/05/2021 Informal Discovery Conference ▼

Original Type

Informal Discovery Conference

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Judicial Officer

Halperin, Ernst A.

**Hearing Time** 

2:00 PM

Result

Held

Parties Present •

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

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Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

08/05/2021 Party appeared by audio and/or video

08/06/2021 Motion to Compel Further ▼

Original Type

Motion to Compel Further

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Judicial Officer

Foiles, Robert D

**Hearing Time** 

9:00 AM

Result

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PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES, PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, AND CODE-COMPLIANCE PRIVILEGE LOG FROM DEFENDANT KENICHI KAWASHIMA; MOTION FOR MONETARY SANCTION

Parties Present -

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

08/06/2021 Matter is called at: ▼

Comment

9:24 am.

08/06/2021 Party appeared by audio and/or video

08/06/2021 Tentative ruling adopted and becomes order: ▼

#### Comment

At 9:27 am: The Motion of Plaintiff Brenda Talens ("Plaintiff") for Sanctions Against Kern, Segal & Murray, Phillip A. Segal and Bryana S. McGuirk (collectively "KSM") Per Code of Civil Procedure Section 128.5, is DENIED for failure to establish compliance with the 21-day safe harbor provision before filing this motion. (See Code of Civ. Proc. 128.5(f)(1)(B); see also Nutrition Distribution LLC v. Southern Sarms, Inc. (2018) 20 Cal.App.5th 117, 129 [ Legislature amended section 128.5(f) to import the conditions and procedures contained in C.C.P. section 128.7(c), including the 21-day safe harbor provision]; see also Changsha Metro Group Co., Ltd. v. Peng Xufeng (2020) 57 Cal.App.5th 1, 17-18 [21-day safe harbor provision applies unless it would be impractical.) The

Case 2:21-cv-01546-JAM-KJN Document 22-2 Filed 12/13/21 Page 37 of 75 challenged action or tactic upon which Plaintiff bases this Motion is Defendants' February 17, 2021

filing of a motion for section 128.5 sanctions against Plaintiff for bad faith participation in scheduled mediation. Plaintiff fails to address this 21-day safe harbor provision, and furthermore fails to demonstrate that compliance with this provision was impractical. Plaintiff's First Supplemental Request for Judicial Notice is GRANTED. Defendants' Request for Sanctions is DENIED.

08/27/2021 Declaration in Opposition ▼

Declaration in Opposition TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO TESTIFY IN ENGLISH AND MONETARY SANCTIONS

Comment

TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO TESTIFY IN ENGLISH AND MONETARY SANCTIONS

08/27/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO TESTIFY IN ENGLISH AND M

Comment

TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO TESTIFY IN ENGLISH AND MONETARY SANCTIONS

08/31/2021 Request for Judicial Notice ▼

Request for Judicial Notice IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO TESTIFY IN

Comment

IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO TESTIFY IN ENGLISH AND MONETARY SANCTIONS

08/31/2021 Notice of Related Case ▼

Notice of Related Case 21-CV-01546IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIF

Comment

21-CV-01546 IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

09/02/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Reply ▼

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09/02/2021 Request for Judicial Notice ▼

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Request for Judicial Notice IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL DEFENDANT SAMUEL HERNANDEZ TO TESTIFY IN

Comment

IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL DEFENDANT SAMUEL HERNANDEZ TO TESTIFY IN ENGLISH

09/10/2021 Motion to Compel ▼

Original Type

Motion to Compel

~CIV Minute Order - Motion to Compel 09/10/2021

Judicial Officer

Foiles, Robert D

Hearing Time

9:00 AM

Result

Held

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO COMPEL DEFENDANT SAMUEL HERNANDEZ TO TESTIFY IN ENGLISH AND MONETARY SANCTIONS [CCP 2023.010; 2023.030]

Parties Present -

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Plaintiff

Attorney: ISON, JAMES J.

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

Defendant

Attorney: DRAKEFORD, TODD P

09/10/2021 Matter is called at: ▼

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9:29 am.

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09/10/2021 Party appeared by audio and/or video

09/10/2021 Argument presented by counsel. Matter submitted.

09/10/2021 Tentative ruling adopted and becomes order: ▼

#### Comment

Plaintiff's motion to compel Defendant Samuel Hernandez to give deposition testimony in English is DENIED for the reasons set forth below. On June 1, 2021, Plaintiff's counsel re-noticed the deposition of Mr. Hernandez. The deposition notice states: "Plaintiff has been informed by the deponent's attorney an interpreter who speaks Spanish will be required for the deponent; therefore, an interpreter who speaks Spanish will be provided to the deponent by Continental Interpreting." Drakeford Decl., p.3; Exhibit I. On June 8, 2021, two days before the scheduled deposition, Plaintiff's counsel sent an email to defense counsel stating that provision of an interpreter was contingent on Mr. Hernandez not being able to speak English. Plaintiff's counsel again inquired whether Mr. Hernandez needed an interpreter, and defense counsel confirmed that Mr. Hernandez required a translator, noting that Spanish is Mr. Hernandez's first language. Ison Decl., Ex. R. Plaintiff filed the present motion to compel Mr. Hernandez to testify in English following the parties' unsuccessful attempt to resolve their dispute at an informal discovery conference. Plaintiff contends Mr. Hernandez should be compelled to testify in English because his responses to interrogatories and other court records demonstrate that Mr. Hernandez is capable of speaking English. Notably, however, the examples of Mr. Hernandez's statements provided by Plaintiff demonstrate that, at the least, Mr. Hernandez does not employ proper grammar when speaking English, raising the question of whether Mr. Hernandez is able to express "himself . . . in the English language so as to be understood directly by counsel, court, and jury" under Cal. Evid. Code 752. Accordingly, Plaintiff has provided insufficient evidence to demonstrate - to any degree of certainty - that Mr. Hernandez is capable of fully understanding, or adequately communicating responses to, questions posed to him in English. Additionally, Plaintiff has provided no explanation as to how Plaintiff will be prejudiced by the provision of an interpreter during Mr. Hernandez's deposition. Plaintiff does not dispute that English is not Mr. Hernandez's native language. Ultimately, Plaintiff has provided no reason to doubt that the presence of an interpreter would assist both parties in obtaining clear testimony from Mr. Hernandez. Plaintiff's request for judicial notice is GRANTED pursuant to Evid. Code 452(d). Judicial notice is taken of the documents' filing/recording, contents, and legal effect, but not the truth of allegations therein. The parties' requests for sanctions are DENIED. If the tentative ruling is uncontested, it shall become the order of the Court. Thereafter, counsel for Plaintiff shall prepare a written order consistent with the Court's ruling for the Court's signature, pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.1312, and provide written notice of the ruling to all parties who have appeared in the action, as required by law and the California Rules of Court.

09/10/2021 Motion denied. ▼

Comment

Moving party: Plaintiff Motion title: Request for Conditional Exam denied without prejudice.

09/10/2021 Request ▼

Request PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION OF DEFENDANT SAMUEL HERNANDEZ PURSUANT TO STANDARD 2.10

Comment

PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION OF DEFENDANT SAMUEL HERNANDEZ PURSUANT TO STANDARD 2.10 OF THE STANDARDS OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

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09/21/2021 Declaration ▼

Declaration OF JAMES J. ISON

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09/21/2021 Statement ▼

Statement OF REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS AND RESPONSES IN DISPUTE

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OF REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS AND RESPONSES IN DISPUTE

09/21/2021 Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel ▼

Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel DEFENDANT SAMUEL HERNANDEZ TO PROVIDE FURTHER RESPONSES TO REQ

Comment

DEFENDANT SAMUEL HERNANDEZ TO PROVIDE FURTHER RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS, SET THREE AND MONETARY SANCTIONS

09/21/2021 Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel Further Responses ▼

Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel Further Responses PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MOTION AND NOTICE O

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MOTION AND NOTICE OF MOTION TO COMPEL DEFENDANT SAMUEL HERNANDEZ TO PROVIDE FURTHER RESPONSES TO FORM INTERROGATORIES, SET TWO AND MONETARY SANCTIONS

09/21/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AU

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PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES TO FORM INTERROGATORIES, SET TWO AND MONETARY SANCTIONS [CCP 2023.010]

09/21/2021 Statement ▼

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RESPONSES IN DISPUTE IN DIS

Comment

PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' STATEMENT OF FORM INTERROGATORIES AND RESPONSES IN DISPUTE IN DISPUTE [CRC 3.1345]

09/21/2021 Declaration ▼

Declaration DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON

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**DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON** 

10/14/2021 Informal Discovery Conference ▼

Judicial Officer

Fineman, Nancy L.

Hearing Time

2:00 PM

Cancel Reason

Vacated

10/25/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL **FURTHER RESPONSES** 

Comment

TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES TO FORM INTERROGATORIES, SET TWO AND MONETARY SANCTIONS

10/25/2021 Separate Statement ▼

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IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES TO FORM INTERROGATORIES, SET TWO AND MONETARY SANCTIONS

10/26/2021 Declaration in Opposition ▼

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Comment

TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES TO FORM INTERROGATORIES, SET TWO AND MONETARY SANCTIONS

10/26/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S

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DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S STATEMENT OF REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS, SET THREE AND RESPONSES IN DISPUTE

10/26/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES

Comment

TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS

10/26/2021 Declaration in Opposition ▼

Declaration in Opposition TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIO

Comment

TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS

10/26/2021 Notice ▼

Notice OF FILING PROOF OF SERVICE

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10/29/2021 Plaintiff's Brief re: ▼

Plaintiff's Brief re: REPLY

Comment

**REPLY** 

10/29/2021 Declaration ▼

Declaration OF JAMES J. ISON

Comment

OF JAMES J. ISON

11/05/2021 Motion to Compel ▼

Original Type

Motion to Compel

~CIV Minute Order - Motion to Compel 11/05/2021

Judicial Officer

Foiles, Robert D

Hearing Time

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Result

Held

Comment

DEFENDANT SAMUEL HERNANDEZ TO PROVIDE FURTHER RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS, SET THREE AND MONETARY SANCTIONS

11/05/2021 Motion to Compel Further ▼

Original Type

Motion to Compel Further

~CIV Minute Order - Motion to Compel Further 11/05/2021

Judicial Officer

Foiles, Robert D

**Hearing Time** 

9:00 AM

Result

Held

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PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MOTION AND NOTICE OF MOTION TO COMPEL DEFENDANT SAMUEL HERNANDEZ TO PROVIDE FURTHER RESPONSES TO FORM INTERROGATORIES, SET TWO AND MONETARY SANCTIONS

11/05/2021 Matter is called at: ▼

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9:03 am

11/05/2021 No appearance by any parties or their counsel of record.

11/05/2021 Tentative ruling adopted and becomes order: ▼

#### Comment

Motion to Compel Further Responses to RFA's: Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant to Provide Further Responses to Requests for Admissions, Set Three is GRANTED as to No.'s 29, 30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 41pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. 2033.290(a). Defendant's Objections are OVERRULED as to those. Defendant's objections are SUSTAINED as to No.'s 32, 33, and 40. The imposition of sanctions would be unjust in these circumstances, and Plaintiff's request for sanctions pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. 2030.300 and 2033.290 is DENIED. If the tentative ruling is uncontested, it shall become the order of the Court. Thereafter, counsel for Plaintiff shall prepare a written order consistent with the Court's ruling for the Court's signature, pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.1312, and provide written notice of the ruling to all parties who have appeared in the action, as required by law and the California Rules of Court.

11/05/2021 Matter is called at: ▼

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9:03 am

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11/05/2021 No appearance by any parties or their counsel of record.

11/05/2021 Tentative ruling adopted and becomes order: ▼

Comment

Motion to Compel Further Responses to Form Interrogatories: Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant to Provide Further Responses to Form Interrogatories, Set Two is GRANTED pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. 2030.300(a). Defendant's Objections are OVERRULED. The imposition of sanctions would be unjust in these circumstances, and Plaintiff's request for sanctions pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. 2030.300 and 2033.290 is DENIED. If the tentative ruling is uncontested, it shall become the order of the Court. Thereafter, counsel for Plaintiff shall prepare a written order consistent with the Court's ruling for the Court's signature, pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.1312, and provide written notice of the ruling to all parties who have appeared in the action, as required by law and the California Rules of Court.

11/05/2021 Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support ▼

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; ETC...

Comment

OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; ETC...

11/05/2021 Separate Statement of Undisputed Material Facts ▼

Separate Statement of Undisputed Material Facts AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MO

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AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; ETC...

11/05/2021 Evidence ▼

Evidence IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; ETC...

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IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; ETC...

11/05/2021 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; ETC...

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OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; ETC...

11/05/2021 Declaration in Support ▼

Declaration in Support OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; ETC...

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OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; ETC...

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11/05/2021 Motion for Summary Judgment and Alternative Motion for ▼

Motion for Summary Judgment and Alternative Motion for Summary Adjudication

Comment

Summary Adjudication

01/21/2022 Mandatory Settlement Conference ▼

Judicial Officer(s)

Mandatory Settlement Conferences, -, Fineman, Nancy L., Chou, Danny Y.

**Hearing Time** 

9:00 AM

01/21/2022 Motion for Summary Judgment ▼

Judicial Officer

Foiles, Robert D

Hearing Time

9:00 AM

Comment

OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE SUMMARY ADJUDICATION

02/07/2022 Pretrial Conference ▼

Judicial Officer

Foiles, Robert D

Hearing Time

10:00 AM

02/22/2022 Jury Trial ▼

Judicial Officer

Foiles, Robert D

Hearing Time

2:00 PM

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Time estimate- 7 days

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9/13/2019	Case Payment	Receipt # 2019-056819- HOJ	TALENS, BRENDA	(\$435.00)
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6/10/2020	eFile Online Payment	Receipt # 2020-023336- HOJ	TALENS, BRENDA	(\$150.00)
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9/25/2019	eFile Online Payment	Receipt # 2019-059542-HOJ	KAWASHIMA, KENICHI	(\$1,020.00)
9/26/2019	Transaction Assessment			\$585.00
6/10/2020	Transaction Assessment			\$90.00
6/10/2020	eFile Online Payment	Receipt # 2020-023261-HOJ	KAWASHIMA, KENICHI	(\$90.00)
9/9/2020	Transaction Assessment			\$530.00
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11/9/2021	Transaction Assessment			\$530.00
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## **Documents**

Civil Case Cover Sheet

Complaint

Summons Issued / Filed

Notice of Case Management Conference

Case Management Statement

Answer (Unlimited) Answer TO UNVERIFIED COMPLAINT

Advanced Jury Fee Defendant Non-Refundable

Amended Answer/Response/Denial (No Fee) AMENDED ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Case Management Statement

ADR Referral

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~CIV Minute Order - Case Management Conference 01/22/2020

Proposed Order Received STIP AND ORDER TO ADR; FWDED TO DEPT 11

Stipulation and Order to ADR

Petition to Approve (No Fee) Person with a Disability

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Declaration in Support OF PETITIONER'S EXPEDITED PETITION TO APPROVE COMPROMISE OF PENDING ACTION FO

Order Approving Compromise Claim/Action Signed By: HON. JUDGE MIRAMDate Signed: 05/26/20

Declaration in Support DECLARATION OF BRYANA MCGUIRK, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

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Proposed Order Received [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

Notice of Motion and Motion to Continue DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

Notice of Posting Jury Fees

Proof of Service by SUBSTITUTED SERVICE of SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT; CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET BY SERVING

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND

Declaration in Opposition DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON, ESQ IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO CO

Answer (Unlimited) Answer TO COMPLAINT

~CIV Minute Order - Motion to Continue Trial Date 07/15/2020

Notice of Change of Address of Attorney

Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel MOTION TO COMPEL INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION, OR IN THE AL

Declaration in Support OF BRYANA S. MCGUIRK, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS MOTION TO COMPEL INDEPEND

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXA

Proposed Order Received GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL PLAINTIFF TO ATTEND INDEPENDAT MEDICAL

~CIV Minute Order - Discovery Conference 08/27/2020

Evidence IS SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES

Motion for Summary Adjudication DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PR

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Declaration in Support OF BRYANA S. MCGUIRK OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF ISSUES

Declaration in Support OF KENICHI KAWASHIMA OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYER

Declaration in Support OF SAMUEL E. HERNANDEZ OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAY

Notice OF PAYMENT FOR COURT REPORTER FEE

~CIV Minute Order - Motion to Compel Independent Medical Examination 10/07/2020

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Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition OF PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' IN OPPOSITION TO DEFE

Separate Statement of Undisputed Material Facts IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJU

**Declaration OF BRENDA TALENS** 

**Declaration OF PRESCILLA BARREDO** 

Declaration in Support OF JAMES J. ISON OF PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION

Request for Judicial Notice PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE

Objections to Evidence PLAINTIFF'S OBJECITONS TO DEFENDANTS' EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO DE

Proposed Order Received STIPULATION TO CONTINUE TRIALFWD TO DEPT. 1

Stipulation & Order Type: TO CONTINUE TRIALSigned by: JUDGE DAVISDate Signed: 11/23/20COPY FWD TO

Notice of Hearing re

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support OF HER REQUEST FOR AMENDED ORDER APPROVING HER PETIT

Declaration OF PETITIONER PRISCILLA BARREDO

Declaration OF JAMES J. ISON

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Notice of Errata

Proposed Order Received ON PLAINTIFF'S OBJECTIONS TO DEFENDANTS EVIDENCE FILED IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOT

Amended Order APPROVING COMPROMISE OF PENDING ACTION INVOLVING ADULT PERSON WITH DISABILITYSigned b

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Reply IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF PRAYE

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Declaration in Support REBUTTAL DECLARATION OF MICHAEL G. THOMAS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY AD

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition TO PLAINTIFF'S EVIDENCE SUBMITTED IN OPPOSITION T

Proof of Service - ELECTRONIC of DEFENDATNS' REPLY MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT O

~CIV Minute Order - Motion for Summary Adjudication of Issues 12/04/2020

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Peremptory Challenge Pursuant to CCP 170.6 Against Judicial Officer

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Declaration in Support OF BRYANA S. MCGUIRK, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS??? MOTION FOR ?? 128.5 SA

Motion DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF MOTION FOR 128.5 SANCTIONS FOR BAD FAITH PARTICIPATION IN SCHEDULED ME

Proposed Order Received GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR 128.5 SANCTIONS FOR BAD FAITH PARTICIPATION

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR 128.5 SANCTIONS FOR BAD F

Case Management Statement

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- ~CIV Minute Order Discovery Conference 03/10/2021
- ~CIV Minute Order Motion for Reconsideration 03/12/2021

Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR MONETARY SANCTIONS

Declaration in Opposition OF JAMES J. ISON IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SANCTIONS

Request for Judicial Notice IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR SANCTIONS

Order Order by Dept 20 on 3/25/21

Supplemental PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF REGARDING NEW EVIDENCE OF IN OPPOSITION TO D

~CIV Minute Order - Motion for Order 03/30/2021

Notice of Reassignment for All Purposes

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Statement PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALEN'S STATEMENT OF REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND RESPONSES I

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Notice OF CHANGE OF HANDLING ATTORNEY

Declaration in Opposition DECLARATION OF TODD P. DRAKEFORD, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITIO

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Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Reply PLAINTIFF BRENDA TALENS' REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOT

Declaration in Support SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO

~CIV Minute Order - Discovery Conference 05/24/2021

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~CIV Minute Order - Motion to Compel 05/28/2021

Notice of Case Management and Trial Setting Conference on 07/26/21 at 9:00 am.

Declaration DECLARATION OF JAMES J. ISON

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~CIV Minute Order - Informal Discovery Conference 07/20/2021

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Request for Judicial Notice FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S

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Notice of Mandatory Settlement Conference and Jury Trial & Pretrial Conference

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## EXHIBIT 3

On August 30, 2021, this Court issued an Order to Show Cause re Contempt against

1 2 Plaintiff James J. Ison. The order to show cause was based on statements that Attorney Ison made 3 in a motion seeking reconsideration of the Court's July 12, 2021 order granting Defendants Mercury General Corporation and Randall R. Petro's (the "Mercury Defendants") special anti-4 SLAPP motion to strike Plaintiffs' first amended complaint, in the reply brief in support of that 5 6 motion for consideration, and at the hearing on the motion held on August 30, 2021. In those 7 briefs, Attorney Ison launched an unprofessional and disrespectful diatribe that personally attacked this judicial officer on the basis of an appellate brief he had filed in 2012, while a lawyer in private 8 practice, and made numerous statements attacking the integrity of the Court. Attorney Ison repeated the same accusations in a brief purportedly filed in support of a motion to tax costs, in a 11 fourth brief filed in opposition to the Mercury Defendants' motion for an award of attorneys' fees 12 and costs, and in a fifth brief filed in opposition to the anti-SLAPP motion filed by co-Defendants 13 Kern Segal & Murray and Philip A. Segal, the Mercury Defendants' counsel in the underlying 14 action. Following a hearing, the Court hereby finds Attorney Ison guilty of five counts of direct 15 criminal contempt of this Court. Attorney Ison is fined \$5,000: \$1,000 for each brief containing 16 contemptuous statements. The Court refers Attorney Ison to the State Bar for investigation and, if 17 appropriate, the imposition of disciplinary sanctions. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 6086.7.)

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## FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On March 17, 2021, Plaintiffs James J. Ison and his law firm, the Ison Law Firm, PC, filed an amended complaint against Mercury and its counsel. Attorney Ison had represented a motorist, Brenda Talens, in a motor vehicle personal injury action in San Mateo County Superior Court in which Mercury was defendants' insurer. The amended complaint alleged that the parties to that action had agreed to attend an in-person mediation on December 16, 2020 at the San Rafael offices of a third party mediator, Stuart Diamond. After several hours, the parties reached an impasse and everyone left. The first amended complaint was based on Attorney Ison's improbable claim that the mediator had conspired with defense counsel and the insurance adjuster to defraud him by telling him that counsel and the adjuster were physically present in a conference room

down the hall when in fact they were not in the building. In Attorney Ison's view, the mediation was a "sham" in which the mediator went back and forth between Ison and an empty room for four hours. The first amended complaint asserted causes of action against Mercury and its counsel for defamation, abuse of process, civil rights violations, intentional infliction of emotional distress, fraud and deceit, and violation of the Unfair Competition Law.

By order filed July 12, 2021, the Court granted the Mercury Defendants' anti-SLAPP motion. The Court found first that the first amended complaint arose from protected activity under the anti-SLAPP statute—i.e., allegations concerning defendants' communications and other protected litigation activity in the underlying San Mateo County personal injury motor vehicle action. The Court rejected plaintiffs' argument that defendants' conduct was "conclusively" illegal within the meaning of Flatley v. Mauro (2006) 39 Cal.4th 299. Next, the Court found that plaintiffs did not meet their burden to establish via admissible evidence a probability of prevailing on their claims. It noted that contrary to plaintiffs' unsupported and speculative claim, both the mediator and defense counsel had filed sworn declarations stating that they were, in fact, physically present at the mediation. Finally, it found that plaintiffs' claims were barred by the absolute litigation privilege found in Civil Code section 47(b).

Plaintiffs filed a motion for reconsideration of the court's anti-SLAPP ruling. In their motion, Plaintiffs devoted most of their papers to discussing an appellate brief that this judicial officer had filed in unrelated litigation in 2012, when he was an attorney in private practice, arguing that it showed that the Court had intentionally misapplied the law. In the briefs he filed in support of his motion for reconsideration, Attorney Ison made numerous statements that impugned the integrity of the court, which were quoted in full in the Court's OSC. Among other things, Attorney Ison accused the Court of "complete disregard" for the law; "purposely committ[ing] clear and obvious legal errors when ruling in Mercury's favor"; "disregard[ing] and discredit[ing] Plaintiff's evidence"; "biased characterization of the evidence, antagonistic posture and apparent belief that he could make Plaintiff's evidence disappear by judicial fiat"; and conducting a hearing that "was in Plaintiffs' view a sham as Judge Schulman did not intend to give Plaintiffs a fair hearing." Relying on the appellate brief that Judge Schulman had filed years earlier, Attorney

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Ison asserted that "Judge Schulman has one set of rules and laws for his corporate friends and former clients, and another set of rules and law for an elderly working class injury victim and the attorney protecting her due process rights." He asserted that "[t]o any fair-minded person who is not in Mercury's pocket, it is obvious that Judge Schulman granted Mercury's motion based on something other than the facts and the law," claimed that the Court "had an ulterior motive for ruling in Mercury's favor that had nothing to do with the facts and the law," and charged it with being "biased in Mercury's favor," and with "s[eeking] to sabotage Plaintiffs' appeal and craft[ing] his opinion to serve that purpose." He asserted that Judge Schulman had prejudged the case, as he "was intent on granting Mercury's motion the moment it crossed his desk." Finally, he charged the Court with "a willful and deliberate attempt to fix this case in Mercury's favor that Judge Schulman will eventually have to answer for even if he currently believes he is above the law."

On August 6, 2021, in yet another brief, Attorney Ison doubled (or tripled) down. Plaintiffs filed a motion to tax the costs sought by Defendants in their memorandum of costs. However, the supporting brief said not one word about those costs, other than to assert without authority that Mercury's memorandum of costs was "void." Instead, Attorney Ison used the motion to repeat, and amplify, his prior accusations against the Court. Thus, Attorney Ison asserted in that motion that Mercury had Judge Schulman "in its pocket" (Mot. at 1:5); that Judge Schulman "chose to disobey the law so he could grant Mercury's motion" (id. at 1:16); he accused Judge Schulman of a "headlong rush to grant Mercury's motion" (id. at 6:-13-14); he charged that Judge Schulman was "so drunk on his power he believed he could make the evidence disappear by judicial fiat" (id. at 10:10); he accused Judge Schulman of "open disobedience of hundreds of Supreme Court and Court of Appeal decisions," and asserted without support that "Mercury's motion was granted the moment it crossed Judge Schulman's desk" (id. at 10:5-6, 8); and he charged that the Court's "ruling on Mercury's motion was not only intended to damage Plaintiffs' claims, but also to sabotage their appeal by failing to make findings on key issues" and that "Judge Schulman should be investigated as he has shown in this case that he will disobey the law without compunction when it suits his purposes." (Id. at 14:16-17, 14:20-21.)

Nor did Attorney Ison stop there. For good measure, he leveled similar accusations of bias and impropriety against three judges of the San Mateo County Superior Court, a Justice of the Court of Appeal, the Chief Justice of the State of California and the Judicial Council. Thus, he asserted that "the three judges of the San Mateo County Superior Court who have made decisions in this case have all demonstrated their bias in Mercury's favor" and accused Mercury of having a "corrupting influence on the judicial system in California" (id. at 8:21-22, 8:27); he attacked a sitting Justice of the Court of Appeal for a "gratuitous show of respect to a lower court judge" (this bench officer) in an unpublished opinion that, he contended, "revealed the Justice's lack of impartiality" (id. at 4:18-19) and "calls into question the fairness and impartiality of every appeal involving [Judge Schulman's] orders" (id. at 14:5-6); and he even saw fit to attack the Chief Justice and the Judicial Council for appointing Judge Schulman in 2018—three years before the anti-SLAPP ruling—to sit pro tem on the Court of Appeal, asserting that the Temporary Assigned Judges Program "remov[es] any appearance of impartiality in a court system that is rapidly losing its legitimacy and reputation for impartiality in the eyes of the public." (Id. at 13:12-13.)

By order filed August 30, 2021, the Court denied Plaintiffs' motion for reconsideration. The order rejected as "utterly specious" Plaintiffs' argument that the Court's "unexpected disobedience of the law" in ruling on the motion constituted "new evidence" warranting reconsideration. (Order at 3, quoting *Gilberd v. AC Transit* (1995) 32 Cal.App.4th 1494, 150.) On the same date, the Court issued its order to show cause re contempt, which it set for hearing on September 20, 2021. The OSC provided that Attorney Ison could file a written response by September 7, 2021. He did not do so, but instead filed a verified statement of disqualification. The Court struck that statement by order filed September 14, 2021. As the Court observed in that order, Attorney Ison's apparent attempt to prevent this Court from holding him in contempt was unavailing. (*Blodgett v. Superior Court* (1930) 210 Cal. 1, 10 ["a person charged with the commission of a direct contempt and subject to be summarily punished therefor may not be heard to urge the disqualification of the judge about to adjudge the party guilty of such direct contempt."]; *Vaughn v. Municipal Court* (1967) 252 Cal.App.2d 348, 366 [same].)

On August 30, 2021, in a combined brief in opposition to the Kern Segal Defendants' anti-

SLAPP motion and demurrer, Attorney Ison again repeated and indeed amped up the same accusations. Among other things, Attorney Ison accused Judge Schulman of being "a corrupt judge" (Mot. at 1:22); he asserted that Judge Schulman "was a member of [Defendants'] conspiracy and intended to use his power and position as a judge to suppress evidence and effectuate the theft they are in process of committing" (*id.* at 1:25-27); he again accused Judge Schulman of "intentionally disobey[ing] the law" (*id.* at 3:27) and of "intentionally commit[ing] error to arrive at a predetermined result" and of being "biased and corrupt" (*id.* at 4:20-21); he accused him of making "intentional legal errors designed to obtain a predetermined result in Mercury's favor" (*id.* at 9:12); and he claimed that all Defendants have such "tremendous influence" over this Court and the judges of the San Mateo County Superior Court that "Schulman is even an active participant in their criminal enterprise." (*Id.* at 13:24-25.)

On September 7, 2021, Attorney Ison yet again repeated the same contemptuous statements. In response to the Mercury defendants' motion for an award of attorneys' fees and costs in connection with their successful anti-SLAPP motion, Attorney Ison filed a brief that did not address that request, but instead reargued his attack on the Court for having purportedly entered into a "conspiracy" with defendants to defraud him in alleged violation of RICO. Among other things, Attorney Ison asserted that "Judge Schulman granted Mercury's motion based on fraud, perjury and his decision to rule in Mercury's favor irrespective of the law, facts, and evidence" (Opp. at 1:27-2:2); he accused the Court of basing its ruling on two sworn declarations "knowing full well they were perjurious," of "disregard[ing] well established law in deliberately committing clear and obvious legal errors," and of issuing a ruling that "had nothing to do with the evidence or the law" (id. at 4:9-15); he accused the Court of "using his office to enrich his friends who now seek \$165,000 in attorneys' fees based on his ruling," and of turning "Department 302 of the San Francisco Superior Court into the hub of a criminal enterprise engaged in racketeering activities." (Id. at 7:6-9.)

In a brief belatedly filed on the eve of the hearing on the order to show cause, Attorney

Ison insists that all of his statements were well-founded—indeed, he claims that he had a "duty" to

make them—and asserts that "truth is an absolute defense in contempt proceedings such that

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Judge Schulman has no grounds for holding Ison in contempt." He was similarly unrepentant in the argument he presented at the hearing.

#### DISCUSSION

A direct contempt "is committed in the immediate view and presence of the court, or of the judge at chambers." (Code Civ. Proc. § 1211(a).) It may be punished "summarily." (Id.) "[I]t is the settled law of this state that an attorney commits a direct contempt when he impugns the integrity of the court by statements made in open court either orally or in writing. Insolence to the judge in the form of insulting words or conduct in court has traditionally been recognized in the common law as constituting grounds for contempt. . . . The judge of a court is well within his rights in protecting his own reputation from groundless attacks upon his judicial integrity and it is his bounden duty to protect the integrity of his court. However willing he may be to forego the private injury, the obligation is upon him by his oath to maintain the respect due to the court over which he presides." (In re Buckley (1973) 10 Cal.3d 237, 248-249 (citations and quotations omitted).)

Here, over and over again, Attorney Ison made numerous written and oral statements attacking the integrity of the Court, each of which is "contemptuous on its face." (*Id.* at 250.) Those statements are "insolent, offensive, insulting, and impugned the integrity of the court." (*Id.*) Many of Attorney Ison's statements are substantially identical to (indeed, even more flagrant and extreme than) statements by attorneys that have been found in reported decisions to warrant findings of contempt.

Thus, Attorney Ison repeatedly accused this Court of "intentionally misapply[ing] the law," "complete disregard" for the law, "purposely commit[ing] clear and obvious legal errors," "open disobedience" of legal precedent, etc. "[I]t is contemptuous for an attorney to say or imply that the court knows the law but has deliberately chosen not to follow it." (*In re White* (2004) 121 Cal.App.4th 1453, 1478.) In *In re Buckley*, the California Supreme Court squarely held that a single closely similar statement—"[t]his Court obviously doesn't want to apply the law"—was "contemptuous on its face." (10 Cal.3d at 250.) As the Court explained, that language, "fairly

read, means, as indeed the trial judge took it to mean, that the judge knew the law but deliberately chose to ignore it." (*Id.*) Such "a charge of deliberate judicial dishonesty" is "insolent, offensive, insulting, and impugned the integrity of the court," and is "contemptuous on its face." (*Id.*; see also *Martinez v. O'Hara* (2019) 32 Cal.App.5th 853, 857-858 [statements in appellate briefs that "repeatedly accuse[d] [the trial court] of *intentionally* refusing to follow and apply the law" and of "an effort to thwart appellate review of its decision," made without support in the record, constituted "reportable misconduct"].) The same conclusion follows as to Attorney Ison's repeated accusations that the Court deliberately ignored evidence that, he contended, supported his position, and that its ruling was based on something other than the facts and the law.

Attorney Ison also accused the Court of being biased against him and in favor of his opponent and of having prejudged the motion. Thus, he charged that the Court "did not even attempt to make a pretense of fairness or impartiality," that it was "incapable of being fair and impartial where Mercury Insurance is concerned," that Judge Schulman "was intent on granting Mercury's motion the moment it crossed his desk," and that the Court committed error to obtain a "predetermined result." "[I]t is contemptuous for an attorney to make the unsupported assertion that the judge was 'act[ing] out of bias toward a party." (*In re S.C.* (2006) 138 Cal.App.4th 396, 422, quoting *In re White*, 121 Cal.App.4th at 1478 (collecting cases).)

Worse yet, Attorney Ison went so far as to charge the Court with "a willful and deliberate attempt to fix this case in Mercury's favor," and asserted that the Court deliberately crafted its order in order to "sabotage Plaintiffs' appeal." Attorney Ison even went so far as to charge the Court with "corruption," asserting that Mercury had Judge Schulman "in its pocket," and that the Court had an "ulterior motive" for ruling in favor of Defendant Mercury Insurance Company. And he charged that the Court had entered into a conspiracy with Defendants to suppress evidence and defraud him, and charged Judge Schulman with misusing his office to "enrich his friends," of being "an active participant in [Defendants'] criminal enterprise," and with turning the Court's law and motion department into "the hub of a criminal enterprise engaged in racketeering activities."

In *In re Koven* (2005) 134 Cal.App.4th 262, 272, the Court of Appeal found strikingly similar statements to be "far more egregious" than the statements in *Buckley*, *White*, and a third

case. In In re Koven, counsel for appellant filed petitions for rehearing in which she alleged that, "because of this court's personal relationship with defendants and bias in their favor, we 'fixed' the appeals so that defendants would prevail. The word 'fix' means 'to influence or arrange the outcome of by unlawful means.' As it relates to the outcome of a lawsuit, the term carries the connotation that for money consideration, a certain result can be purchased from a judge of the court. This is also known as bribery." (Id. (citations omitted).) Similarly, counsel claimed that the court "conspired" with defendants to defeat her client's appeal, and accused the court of "ignoring the law and misrepresenting the evidence '[i]n order to manipulate an affirmance." (Id.) As the court observed, and as is equally true here, counsel's charges "are not only false, they are outrageous. We can think of no accusation more serious or injurious to a court's reputation than that it 'conspired' with a party to 'fix' the case." (Id. at 276.) It found counsel guilty of two counts of direct criminal contempt of the court; one count for each petition for rehearing. (Id. at 277; accord, *In re Mahoney* (2021) 65 Cal.App.5th 376, 379-380 [holding attorney in direct contempt for impugning integrity of court in petition for rehearing stating that trial court's and Court of Appeal's decisions were "based not on a reading of the law but on their general corruption and openness to political influence"].)<sup>2</sup> The same result follows ineluctably here.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In *Hanson v. Superior Court* (2001) 91 Cal.App.4th 75, 84-85, the court held that a lawyer's statement that his client "has not received a fair trial" was contemptuous on its face "because it impugned Judge Henry's integrity by suggesting he had failed in his duty to guarantee a fair trial."

Attorney Ison's statements also constitute an egregious violation of his statutory obligation "[t]o maintain the respect due to the courts of justice and judicial officers." (Bus. & Prof. Code § 6068(b); see *Ramirez v. State Bar* (1980) 28 Cal.3d 402, 406, 409, 411-412 [attorney suspended for arguing in a brief that appellate judges were induced to act in an unlawful manner by opponent's "power, influence and money"].)

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#### **CONCLUSION**

Attorney Ison remains unapologetic and entirely oblivious to the egregiously improper and contemptuous nature of his statements. In a similar recent case, a court observed that directing such accusations at judges is not acceptable or legitimate argument. "We have elsewhere lamented the fact modern law practice is 'rife with cynicism, awash in civility.' This kind of overthe-top, anything-goes, devil-take-the-hindmost rhetoric has to stop." (*In re Mahoney*, 65 Cal.App.5th at 380.)<sup>3</sup> As the court observed,

The timbre of our time has become unfortunately aggressive and disrespectful. Language addressed to opposing counsel and courts has lurched off the path of discourse and into the ditch of abuse. This isn't who we are.

We are professionals. Like the clergy, like doctors, like scientists, we are members of a profession, and we have to conduct ourselves accordingly. Most of the profession understands this. The vast majority of lawyers know that professional speech must always be temperate and respectful and can never undermine confidence in the institution. Cases like this should instruct the few who don't.

Respect for individual judges and specifics is a matter of personal opinion. Respect for the institution is not; it is a sine qua non.<sup>4</sup>

The Court finds Attorney Ison in direct contempt for his statements impugning the integrity of the Court, and orders him to pay a fine of \$5,000 (\$1,000 for each brief containing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The court "mentioned Attorney Mahoney's occupation in every reference to him to emphasize the dimension of his offensive conduct. We would have been shocked by this had he been in propria persona; for an attorney at law to repeatedly denigrate the system in this manner is beyond the collective century-and-a-half of this panel's experience." (*Id.* at 380 fn. 1.) For the same reasons, this Court has followed the same convention in referring to Attorney Ison.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Attorney Ison also impugned the integrity of opposing counsel and their clients. In addition to the numerous statements quoted above accusing Defendants and their counsel without basis of everything from fraud to perjury to racketeering, the record contains a deposition transcript in which Attorney Ison saw fit to accuse an individual defendant of making an "outright lie" in responding to questions. In response to opposing counsel's objection, he was unapologetic: "I am calling him a liar. Yes, I am." (Ison Decl. (filed July 26, 2021), Ex. E at 108:12, 109:11-15.) "It appears to us that [Attorney Ison's] approach to litigation . . . focused upon impugning the integrity of everyone in the legal system, whether judges, justices, attorneys, or expert witnesses, who obstruct the achievement of [his] goals. This shows a pattern of abuse which serves to aggravate the contempts committed here." (*In re Koven*, 134 Cal.App.4th at 276.)

such statements),<sup>5</sup> payable to the clerk's office of this court within 30 days.

Pursuant to Canon 3D(2) of the California Code of Judicial Ethics and Business and Professions Code section 6086.7, the clerk of this court is directed to forward to the State Bar a copy of this judgment of contempt.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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DATED: September 20, 2021

The Honorable Ethan P. Schulman Judge, San Francisco Superior Court

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Court does not find Attorney Ison in contempt for the statements he made at the August 30, 2021 and September 20, 2021 hearings reiterating the accusations in his briefs, for the statements made in his late-filed response to the order to show cause, nor for those in his federal court complaint and other filings or in his complaint to the Commission on Judicial Performance.

## CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE

(CCP 1010.6(6) & CRC 2.251)

I, William Trupek, a Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of San Francisco, certify that I am not a party to the within action.

On September 20, 2021, I electronically served the attached ORDER AND JUDGMENT OF CONTEMPT via email to counsel at the following email addresses: James J. Ison, Esq. <a href="mailto:james@jisonlaw.com">james@jisonlaw.com</a>, counsels for Plaintiff, James J. Ison and The Ison Law Finn, PC., and Todd P. Drakeford, Esq., <a href="mailto:tdrakeford@kernlaw.com">tdrakeford@kernlaw.com</a>; counsel for Defendants, Mercury General Corporation, et al.

Date: September 20, 2021

MICHAEL T. YUEN, Clerk

William Trupek, Deputy Court Clerk